Yamuna Cleaning Plan

242. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the Yamuna Cleaning Plan which has been inaugurated recently;

(b) the details of financial outlay and manner in which the plan is proposed to be funded; and

(c) whether the plan has been set a time frame, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Under the Yamuna Action Plan, the pollution abatement works are to be taken up in 15 towns located along the river. Of these, six towns are in Haryana and eight in Uttar Pradesh besides Delhi. The works would include (i) interception and diversion of municipal waste water from these towns, (ii) treatment of such intercepted waste water, (iii) setting up of facilities like low cast sanitation, improved crematoria, river front development and (iv) plantation along the river bank.

(b) The approved cost of the Action Plan is Rs. 357 crore which is to be shared equally between the Centre and the concerned State Governments. The Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of the Government of Japan will provide financial assistance for the programme.

(c) The Action Plan is scheduled to be completed by March, 1999.

Increasing Mortality rate of Animals and Birds in Zoos in the country

243. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Ministr yof ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a step increase in the morality rate of animals and birds in different zoos in the country;

(b) if so, the number of deaths of animals etc. during the last three years;

(c) the reasons for increase in the mortality rate; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to check the mortality of animals etc. in zoos in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) This information is not compiled and collated in this Ministry. There is no institutional frame work to ensure maintenance of such date by all the Zoos, some of which are also under private control and management and its collation on a central basis. It is expected that the recognition of the Zoos having become mandatory, the newly constituted Zoo Authority would devise some system of collecting and compiling such information in future.

(b) to (d) Do not arise

GIR Forest Development

244. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Msnister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include Gir Forest development under the National Project in Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) 1153.2 sq. km of Gir Forests is declared as Sanctuary and 258.71 sq.km is declared as National Park. Assistance from the Central Government for the development of this area is given under the Centrally Sp-

onsored Scheme of the 'Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries'. Central assistance is also provided under the scheme of the Eco-development in and around protected areas' for the improvement of quality of life of people who say in and around the National Park and Sanctuary.

विवादास्पद सरदार सरोवर परियोजना के अधीन गुजरात में वनों की कटाई

245. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विवादास्पद सरदार सरोवर परियोजना के अधीन गुजरात में वनों की कटाई की जा रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस क्षेत्र में 30 जून, 1993 तक वनों की की गई कटाई सहित उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या वनों की कटाई करते समय उस क्षेत्र में बसे लोगों को वहां से हटाया जा रहा है;

(ग) क्या गुजरात उच्च न्यायालय के निर्णय में यह कहा गया है कि किसी भी परिवार को उसके पुनर्वास के लिए अपेक्षित व्यवस्था किये बगैर उसके बसे बसाए स्थान से हटाने का अर्थ उसे विस्थापित किया जाना है; और

(घ) इस परियोजना की कुल लागत का ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या सरकार द्वारा प्रस्तुत किये गये विवरण और विश्व बैंक की आधिकारिक रिपोर्ट में कोई मूलभूत अन्तर है और उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Bombay High Mishap

246. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mishap at Bombay High had occured due to noncompliance by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission of the preventive and precautionary safety steps required to be taken under the Environment Protection Act, as reported in Mid Day, Bombay, of June 3, 1993,

(b) what are the safety norms prescribed under the Act and what are the details of the steps which were not taken by the ONGC causing mishap;

(c) what are the details of lapsese pointed out by the Environmental Appraisal Committees for Industries; and

(d) what action Government have taken against the Oil and Natural Gas Commission and persons found responsible for noncompliance of safety measures at Bombay High to check the mishap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) have not fully complied with the conditions and environmental safeguards and conducting of scientific studies stipulated by this Ministry while according clearance to the Off-shore installatons. In particular, compliance with the requirement of integrated Environmental Impact Assessmet, Report Risk Analysis Report, Disaster Management Plan, Safety and Maintenace requirements were not adequate.

(d) ONGC have been directed to strengthen their capabilities and infrastructure to prevent occurance of such accidents in future and not to discharge poisonous, noxious and polluting matter into the sea waters.